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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, line 3 (between the title of the application and the "Background of the Invention").

-- This application is a divisional application of U.S.S.N. 09/605,176, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/201,038, filed November 30, 1998, which is a continuation application of U.S.S.N. 08/628,198, filed April 5, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,843,694), which is a divisional application of U.S.S.N. 08/467,155, filed June 6, 1995 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,736,377).--

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-68, and add new claims 69-81.

-- 69. A method of determining whether a mammal has a carcinoma or an increased likelihood of developing a carcinoma, the method comprising examining the expression of, or the sequence of, a NES1 gene in a biological sample obtained from the mammal, a decrease in

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